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SUBJECT: ST. GEORGE'S SCHOOL

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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS

FATHER LEWERS CALLED FROM SOUTH BEND TO SHARE WITH ME HIS REPORT ON YESTERDAY'S MEETING. ESSENTIALLY, HE SAID THAT PINOCHET HAD COME OUT, IN OPPOSITION TO MINED CASTRO, FOR A FAVORABLE SOLUTION, WITH EVENTUAL RETURN OF THE PROPERTY. RETURN WAS NOT POSSIBLE NOW, BECAUSE THAT WOULD REPRESENT A PRECEDENT FOR THE UNIVERSITIES, AND MAKE IT MORE DIFFICULT FOR THE GOVERNMENT TO RESIST THE PRESSURE FOR RETURN OF THOSE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS. BUT PINOCHET AGREED TO APPOINT A NEW DELEGATE, TO ACCEPT SOME OF THE FORMER HOLY CROSS PERSONNEL BACK IN THE SCHOOL, AND TO SIGN A MEMORANDUM TO THAT EFFECT, TO BE PREPARED BY THE UNDER-SECRETARY OF EDUCATION. CARVAJAL WAS ALSO HELPFUL.

2. LEWERS COMMENTS THAT THE MEETING WENT BETTER THAN HE HAD ANTICIPATED. BUT HE IS SKEPTICAL. HE UNDERSTANDS THAT PINOCHET DOES NOT CALL ALL THE SHOTS, AND PINOCHET HAS BEEN CONCILIATORY IN THE PAST.

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3. I TOLD LEWERS THAT I WOULD INQUIRE WHETHER, IN
THE EMBASSY'S JUDGMENT, THE GOC WAS AWARE OF THE POLITICAL
AND LEGAL CONSEQUENCES IN THE UNITED STATES IF A SATIS-
FACTORY SOLUTION WERE NOT FOUND. INGERSOLL

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